



# **Brigadier General Joseph Anderson**

## **Chief of Staff, Multinational Corps - Iraq**

General Joseph Anderson graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. His military education includes the completion of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Naval War College.

General Anderson has served in all five types of infantry units. His first assignment was with the 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Polk, Louisiana, from 1981 to 1984, where he served as a Scout Platoon Leader in 3d Battalion, 70th Armor; C Company Executive Officer and Battalion Motor Officer in 3d Battalion, 10th Infantry; and Aide-de-Camp to the ADC(M). After attending the Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 193d Infantry Brigade, Fort Kobbe, Republic of Panama, from 1985 to 1988, where he served as Battalion S1 and C Company Commander in 2d Battalion (Airborne), 187th Infantry, and Training Officer in DPTMSEC for USARSO at Fort Clayton. Upon returning to CONUS, he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, from 1988 to 1991, where he served as Battalion S5, Battalion S3 Air and B Company Commander in 2d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and Operations Officer for Readiness Group Fort Lewis. As the B Company Commander, he led the main effort for the Joint Special Operations Task Force at Rio Hato, Panama, during Operation Just Cause.

Upon completion of CGSC, General Anderson served as the Majors Assignment Officer at Infantry Branch, Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia, from 1992 to 1993. He subsequently was reassigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, from 1994 to 1997, where he served as the Battalion S3 in 3d Battalion, 22d Infantry; 1st Brigade S3; Aide-de-Camp to the CG, USARPAC at Ft. Shafter; and the 3d Brigade Executive Officer. He then commanded the 2d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from May 1997 to July 1999. As the 2-505th Task Force Commander, he led the first U.S. ground forces into Kosovo during Operation Joint Guardian.

General Anderson served at the College of Naval Warfare as an instructor in the Joint Military Operations Department from June 2000 to June 2002. He subsequently commanded the 2d Brigade and 502d Infantry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from July 2002 to July 2004. He led the Division's main effort for the battles of Kifl, South Al Hillah, An Najaf, Karbala, Baghdad and Mosul during OIF 1. He subsequently served as Division Chief of Staff from July 2004 to January 2005. He next served as the Executive Officer to the Secretary of the Army from February 2005 to July 2006. He became the MNCI Chief of Staff in December 2006, and has served as III Corps Chief of Staff since August 2006.

General Anderson's awards include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal with silver oak leaf cluster and three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead, NATO Medal with bronze service star, Kosovo Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, Armed Forces Service Medal, GWOT Service and Expeditionary Medals, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge (2d Award), Master Parachutist Wings with Bronze Star, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Ranger Tab, Army Staff Identification Badge and Panamanian, Brazilian, German and Thai Jump Wings.